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For: THERMOPLASTIC RESIN COMPOSITION FOR MASTERBATCHES, METHOD OF PRODUCING MOLDING MATERIAL THEREOF, AND THERMOPLASTIC RESIN COMPOSITION USING THEM AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed November 24, 2008, Applicants elect the species in Group II, on which claims 1-12 and 22-27 read. The Election of Species Requirement states that none of the claims are generic. However, Applicants point out that claims 1, 2, 5-12, and 22-27 are generic and read on both the species in Groups I and II.

If the filing of this paper is deemed not timely, applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. The petition fee, and any other fees that may be required in relation to this paper, can be charged to Deposit Account 11-0600.

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